

salaries. Individual friends of the school supply the remaining needs of the University.

More Than Twenty Trades Taught

In addition to the usual college curriculum, including the sciences and languages, Claflin University emphasizes industrial education. It has the largest industrial plant of the Freedmen's Aid Society schools, teaching more than twenty different trades and industries. Claflin makes a specialty not only of training young men and young women in the industries, but in training teachers for industrial schools. Some of the most efficient heads of departments in Tuskegee and other industrial schools were trained at Claflin. Several new departments, including agriculture, were added in 1908.

In the collegiate department students who fulfill the requirements in the theory and practice of teaching are given the degree of Licentiate of Instruction which, under the laws of South Carolina, qualifies them to teach in the public schools of any county in the state. The study of the Bible is required during three terms of the preparatory, normal, and scientific courses.

Thirty-eight teachers and 550 students were enrolled in 1908. Rev. L. M. Dunton, A.M., D.D., has been with Claflin Uni-

versity almost from the beginning. He was a teacher in 1872-3, vice-president, 1883-4; and since May, 1884, has been president of the university. Dr. Dunton is the only white member of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, composed of 178 ministers.

A Library for Colored People

President Dunton, in a letter to Mr. Hartshorn, dated January 12, 1909, said: "Since my return from the Clifton Conference we have established three outside missions, which are visited by our teachers and students. We have also established a state circulating library intended especially for colored people; we have 175 ministers in the state who are to act as agents, and they will appoint two readers in each church, and these readers will gather the people together and read to them. There are only two libraries in South Carolina where a colored person can borrow a book, and there are few book stores, so that if the colored people cared to read they would have difficulty in securing the right kind of books. We have about five hundred books already in sight." This new feature of the good work and influence of Claflin is greatly appreciated by the people for whom it was inaugurated.



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